GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2278
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NATIONAL CRIME RECORDS BUREAU
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) does not have a Fingerprint Manual, which is a must for the smooth functioning of any bureau;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the fresh steps taken by the Government to equip all the Fingerprints Bureau (FPBs) across the country with Fingerprint Analysis and Criminal Training System (FACTS) in order to help them in maintaining, tracing and comparing fingerprints of criminals;

(d) whether the government are also aware that the Fingerprints Bureau(FPBs) in various States have failed to maintain fingerprint impressions of the arrested criminals;

(e) if so, whether due to failure of the FPBs in States to maintain records, the probing of Inter-State crimes have been badly hampered;

(f) whether the guidelines issued by the NCRB are flouted by the State FPBs; and

(g) if so, the details of the responsibilities fixed by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. Finger Print Manual is in existence and has been updated and published on 29th August, 2001.

(c): The Fingerprint Analysis and Criminal Tracing System (FACTS) have been installed in six States, namely, Delhi, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Jammu & Kashmir, Haryana, Kerala and one at Central Finger Print Bureau in order to help them in maintaining, tracing and comparing finger prints of criminals.

(d) & (e): It was decided in the 6th Directors Conference of Fingerprint Bureaux held in 1999 that the fingerprint slips of arrested persons who are liable to rigorous imprisonment for one year or more will be kept in the records of fingerprint bureaux along with convicted persons` fingerprint slips. All States Finger Print Bureaux have been advised to maintain finger print slips of the arrested persons. Central Finger Print Bureau under National Crime Records Bureau has started maintaining records of fingerprints of arrested persons w.e.f. 06.09.1999. States like Uttar Pradesh, Manipur, Pondicherry and Orissa have implemented this.Also interstate records are maintained by National Crime Records Bureau, at Delhi which can be used by States in their investigation involving interstate criminals.

(f): No, Sir. National Crime Records Bureau and the State Finger Print Bureaux are working in complete harmony.

(g): Does not arise.